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Halpern, A. E.

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Rabbi A. E. Halpern,

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Dear Mr. Halpern:

I have just received your letter appealing for a reconsideration of your case and the granting of your latin so that you may receive your degree. I have now for so many years looked into the matter and as sympathetically as possible that I do not see that there is anything left that I can do. Even if I were to use all my influence to get it done I feel very confident that the Council would not act in accordance with my recommendation, and I do not myself see how I can in view of the past urge the Council to grant you latin. It is simply one example in dozens that have come to us of people who for some reason or other are so unfortunate as not to be able to pass in some one subject. I have the greatest sympathy for them, but regulations must be maintained unless there is something exceptional, and I do not see where the exceptional element is to be found in your case. I will submit your letter, however, to the Committee and ask them to consider it again, but I am afraid that I cannot urge them to take action on the line you request.

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

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